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## Proposed Change in ISDH ASC Rule

On December 5, 2003, the Indiana Hospital Council approved a proposed rule under 414 IAC for the addition of licensure fees for hospitals and ambulatory outpatient surgical centers. The proposed rule would set a sliding scale of fees, based on the number of annual procedures of the center. The licensure fee, if approved, will be used as a dedicated fund to retain and attract qualified ISDH survey staff.

The proposed rule will be published in the Indiana Register with a scheduled date for a public hearing. After February 1, 2004, the proposed rule will be at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/register/index-26.html>

## Virtual Colonoscopy to Screen Neoplasia

Perry J. Pickhardt, et. al., evaluated the performance characteristics of computed tomographic (CT) virtual colonoscopy for the detection of colorectal neoplasia in an average-risk screening population. Radiologists used the three-dimensional endoluminal display for the initial detection of polyps on CT virtual colonoscopy. The researchers found that the sensitivity of virtual colonoscopy for adenomatous polyps was 93.8 percent for polyps at least 10 mm in diameter, and 93.9 percent for polyps at least 6 mm in diameter. The researchers concluded that the CT virtual colonoscopy with the use of a three-dimensional approach is an accurate screening method for the detection of colorectal neoplasia in asymptomatic average-risk patients and compares favorably with optical colonoscopy in terms of the detection of clinically relevant lesions. (See New England Journal of Medicine article at <http://content.nejm.org/cgi/content/short/349/23/2191> .)



## College Approves Patient Safety Principles for Office-Based Surgery

On October 19, 2003, the American College of Surgeon's Board of Regents approved 10 fundamental patient safety principles that it believes should govern physicians performing office-based surgery (OBS) utilizing moderate, deep, or general sedation. The adopted principles, based on a document crafted by more than 35 organizations during a March 17 consensus conference coordinated by the College and the American Medical Association, address: proper patient selection and informed consent criteria; facility accreditation; emergency transfer protocols; and physician training and competency. The document also offers guidelines for both physician and medical personnel regarding training in emergency resuscitative techniques (see attached document).

### Check Anesthesia CO2 Absorbent

Abbott Laboratories now warns anesthesia providers to check the absorbent capacity of the CO2 when Ultane (sevoflurane) is used. Abbott Laboratories reports rare isolated reports of fire or extreme heat in the respiratory circuit of anesthesia machines when absorbent is completely dried out. (Details at <http://www.asahq.org/> )

### Accreditation Notification

If you desire to use your "deemed status" by a recognized accreditation organization in lieu of a state survey in calendar year 2004, please fax a request to include the scheduled date of the accreditation survey to ISDH at 317/233-7157.

## Medical Society Opens Web Site on Cataract Treatment

The Eye Surgery Education Council opened its new patient education Web-site on surgery to remove cataracts as a way of providing accurate, balanced information on treating one of the most common diseases that robs older people of their independence and quality of life. See <http://www.eyesurgeryeducation.com/> . The site gives patient information about cataracts, their formation, who is at risk for cataracts, how to know when to seek treatment, eye examinations, the benefits and risks of treatment, the types of corrective surgery used, and what patients can expect during and following surgery.

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- ◆ Surgical Report
- ◆ Links to QA organizations
- ◆ Provider Newsletters

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